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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed and is being filed along with the request for continued examination (RCE) filed herewith in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Claims, as reflected in the listing of claims begins on page two.

Remarks and request for reconsideration is found beginning on page three.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 87-93 without prejudice.

- 87. (Canceled)
- 88. (Canceled)
- 89. (Canceled)
- 90. (Canceled)
- 91. (Canceled)
- 92. (Canceled)
- 93. (Canceled)

110. (Previously amended) A purified and isolated RNA fragment up to 70 nucleotides that is conserved across at least two species comprising the sequence NNNGAUNCUUUNNGUAAGC CCNANGNGNN (SEQ ID NO:23).

111. (Previously amended) A purified and isolated RNA fragment up to 70 nucleotides comprising the human sequence UAUGAUUCUUUUUGUAAGCCCUAGGGGCU (SEQ ID NO:24).

112. (Previously amended) A purified and isolated RNA fragment up to 70 nucleotides comprising the mouse sequence AAAGAUUCUUUUUGUAAGCCCCAAGGGGCU (SEQ ID NO:25).

113. (Previously amended) A purified and isolated RNA fragment up to 70 nucleotides comprising the rat sequence AAAGAUUCUUUUUGUAAGCCCCAAGGGGCU (SEQ ID NO:25).